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*concl'd.* nucleotides which has a sequence complementary to a sequence in the nucleic acid of claim 2.

*2* 83. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim *2*<sup>*1*</sup> which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

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*9* 84. (Amended) The vector of claim *85*<sup>*4*</sup> wherein the nucleic acid encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 6.

*10* 85. (Amended) The vector of claim *84*<sup>*9*</sup> wherein the nucleic acid has the sequence of SEQ ID No: 5.

*73*<sup>*3*</sup> 90. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of a nucleotide sequence which encodes a feline CD86 ligand or a feline soluble CD86 ligand of SEQ ID NO: 6.

A marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes made is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

#### REMARKS

##### Status of Claims

Claims 2, 48-52, 55, 56, 62-64, 83-85 and 90 are pending and under examination. Of these, claims 2, 55, 56 and 62-64 have been allowed. Claims 48-52, 83-85 and 90 stand rejected. Claims 48, 83-85 and 90 have been amended above for the Examiner's consideration. No new matter has been added by virtue of these claim amendments.

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